

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	\$	
Richard L. Giroux, et al.	\$	
	\$	Group Art Unit: 3672
Serial No.: 10/775,048	\$	
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Confirmation No.: 8979	\$	Examiner: Hoang C. Dang
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Filed: February 9, 2004	\$	
	\$	Customer No. 36735
For: METHODS AND	\$	
APPARATUS FOR	\$	
WELLBORE	\$	
CONSTRUCTION AND	\$	
COMPLETION	\$	

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 28, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 28, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0359.P1/JCH, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.